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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/425,668
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Art Unit	2685
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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a. Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other Petition to Withdrawal from Issue.

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0350.

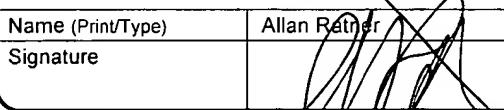
- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e).
- ii. Extension of Time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17).
- iii. Other Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2); Suspension under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c).

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

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